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SUBJECT: MOROCCO MOVES ON EC TEXTILE RESTRICTIONS

REF: (A) STATE 209963, (B) CASABLANCA 965

1. MOROCCAN PRESS CONTINUES TO GIVE FAIRLY HEAVY  
COVERAGE TO SUBJECT, WITH MOST DAILIES NOW FOCUSSED  
FRONT PAGE ATTENTION ON GOM'S DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS IN  
PARIS AND BRUSSELS TO BRING ITS GRIEVANCES BEFORE  
HIGHEST FRENCH AND EC DECISION-MAKING LEVELS.

2. OFFICIAL DAILIES LE MARIN AND MAROC SOIR, TOGETHER  
WITH ISTIQLAL OPPOSITION L'OPINION HAVE PLAYED UP  
SEPTEMBER 1 AND GOM COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY MINISTER  
GHISSASSI'S VISIT TO PARIS AND BRUSSELS WITH EXTENSIVE  
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FRONT-PAGE TREATMENT. WHILE ENUMERATING STRING OF HIGH  
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS GOM DELEGATION HAS CALLED ON IN BOTH  
CAPITALS (INCLUDING PRESIDENT OF EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS  
SIMMONET, AS WELL AS COMMISSIONERS DAVIGNON AND CHEYSSON) AND  
ALTHOUGH STRESSING THAT GHISSASSI EXPRESSED MOROCCAN  
UNHAPPINESS IN STRONGEST TERMS TO ALL CONCERNED,  
COPY IS THIN ON BEING ABLE TO IDENTIFY ANY SPECIFIC

RESULTS. EXCEPTION IS SO-CALLED FRANCO-MOROCCAN WORKING GROUP WHICH GOF HAS AGREED TO ESTABLISH TO STUDY MOROCCO'S SPECIAL PREDICAMENT. COVERAGE DOES SUGGEST THAT INTER-LOCUTORS WERE SENSITIZED TO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MOROCCO AND OTHER LARGE EAST ASIAN SUPPLIERS. STORIES ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT LIMITS WHICH FRENCH HAD IMPOSED AUGUST 12 ON MOROCCAN SHIRTS, TROUSERS AND DRESSES WERE ACTUALLY 20 PER CENT ABOVE ITS 1976 TRADE PERFORMANCE IN THESE CATEGORIES, AND THAT MOROCCO'S CURRENT PROBLEM WAS THAT IT HAD ALREADY EXCEEDED THESE INCREASED LEVELS BY MID-YEAR. PAPERS ALSO REPORT THAT FRENCH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN COMMERCE TOOK MOROCCO AND TUNISIA SPECIFICALLY INTO ACCOUNT WHEN IMPOSING RESTRICTIONS, AND THAT PROVISIONS WERE MADE TO ALLOW MOROCCAN EXPORTS TO GROW BY 25 PER CENT IN 1977 IN RELATION TO 1976.

3. IN LIGHT OF SLIGHTLY MORE UP-BEAT TONE OF LATEST REPORTS, COUPLED WITH UNDERLYING THEME THAT SPECIAL ADJUSTMENTS MAY BE IN OFFING FOR COUNTRIES ASSOCIATED WITH EC, DOMESTIC TEXTILE PROBLEM MAY BE ON WAY TO BECOMING SOMEWHAT MORE MANAGEABLE. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY CONFIRMING REPORTS FROM INFO ADDRESSES SHOULD THIS HAPPEN, SINCE IT CAN HELP US DOWNPLAY ANY GOM URGENCY TO SEEK NEW MAJOR OPENINGS IN US MARKET, PER REF A.ANDERSON

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